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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA : Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM :   
D/DCI/RM

SUBJECT : Intelligence Research and Development Council (IR&DC)

REFERENCE : Memo to DCI from Under Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering, 3 October 1980, re Status of IR&DC

1. Action Requested: That you sign the attached letter to Bill Perry which will approve his request to redirect the efforts of the IR&DC. The Council should, in my view, concentrate on exploring emerging technologies and their transfer, if appropriate, from the white world to the Intelligence Community, both National and Tactical.

2. Background: In the referenced memorandum (attached), Bill Perry has proposed that the IR&DC concentrate on emerging new technologies in the white world which may have applicability for transfer to the Intelligence Community. We have been in contact with Colonel Paul Kaminski, USAF, Perry's Special Assistant, and he indicates that Bill envisions the Council meeting about once a quarter for in depth discussions of selected new technologies and transfer possibilities. He would then apprise you of the Council's findings via memorandum. Bill suggests that the first subject might be an investigation of future work which will be occurring in computer architecture. Of course, the Council would continue to be responsive to you for the exploration of any subject you might wish.

I think that this new focus of IR&DC activity can be beneficial. It will provide a forum for exploring white world R&D developments and may provide for new initiatives in our ongoing NFIP R&D programs.

3. Recommendation: That you sign the attached response.

Attachments  
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Dr. William J. Perry  
Under Secretary of Defense for  
Research and Engineering  
Department of Defense  
Washington, D. C. 20301

Dear Bill:

Thank you for your informative memorandum concerning this past year's work of the Intelligence Research and Development Council. I agree that information exchange and technology transfer, where appropriate, from the white world to our National Foreign Intelligence Program is most useful and may help us avoid unnecessary R&D resource expenditures. Therefore, I support your guiding the Council in this direction and using informal memos on Council actions to keep the DCI advised on a more timely basis rather than compiling all the details in a single annual report. (C)

In addition, I am sure that in certain cases technological development which has occurred at the behest of the NFIP can be released to other departments of the Federal Government and perhaps to the private sector. I hope that the Council can identify such areas from time to time. (U)

The method you have suggested for using the IR&DC can be beneficial to both the DCI and to the Department of Defense and I would like to see it implemented. (U)

Yours,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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